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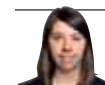
'I take full responsibility'

Owner and President of the Halifax Rainmen Andre Levingston fields questions from the media during a press conference at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame on Monday. Levingston was breaking his silence about his team's championship Game 7 forfeit. Coverage in [metroNEWS](#). JEFF HARPER/METRO

Twin now, not later

HIGHWAY 103

Road deaths spur advocate to speak out



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

When it comes to the debate about how to make Highway 103 safer, Bruce Hetherington says there has been enough talk.

Hetherington lost his 33-year-old son Jamie in a collision in 2008 near Exit 5 when another car hit his, and said Jamie is always in his thoughts when another fatal accident occurs.

Sunday saw two people die as a result of their cars colliding near Birchtown on Highway 103 in Shelburne County.

"They can talk about it, they can say they can't do this, they can't do that — but just do it," the 68-year-old former Dartmouth deputy mayor said Monday.

"These are Nova Scotians that

are getting killed."

According to a safety review of Highway 103 released last week from the province, there were 890 collisions from 2007 to 2012 in a 274-kilometre stretch of Highway 103 with 22 deaths.

"It's just pure frustration that the government isn't doing something about it," Hetherington said.

Some recommendations of the reports called for stretches of highways 101, 103 and 104 to be twinned or expanded, which Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan has said will take decades to accomplish without putting in a toll.

While tolls may not be popular, Hetherington said it's the best option to get the roads twinned more quickly, and he would willingly pay a few dollars every time he used the highway if he knew no one else would be killed or suffer the devastation of losing a family member.

"I'm doing it for Jamie because he's gone, but I'm also doing it for the people that travel that road every day," he said.



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SEARCH

Suspect sought in jewelry-store heist

Police in Halifax are hoping the public can help them identify a man wanted in a recent robbery of a jewelry store on the first floor of Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth.

On March 29, police say a man was in a jewelry store looking at a gold chain worth \$2,500 and a diamond worth \$5,500 when he suddenly took



Video images of the suspect. CONTRIBUTED

off without paying.

Halifax Regional Police are now releasing video surveillance pictures of their suspect and the car he allegedly drove away in.

He is described as a white man, between the ages of 30 and 40, with dark facial hair. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a dark toque, blue sweater or shirt, faded blue jeans and heavy steel-toed boots.

The car he drove away from the mall in was a red, newer-model Toyota Corolla.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call Halifax police or Crime Stoppers.

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CRIME

Man cashes in lost bank card: Police

Halifax police are asking for the public's help in finding a man they say withdrew money using a lost bank card.

On Feb. 7 around 1:40 p.m., a woman called police to report a fraud involving her bank account.

The woman said she had lost her debit card in December 2014 but it had been used at bank machines in the Portland Street area of Dartmouth by an unknown person without her consent after then.

The card was used three times between Jan. 1 and Jan. 29 for a loss of \$1,388, Halifax Regional Police said.

Police are releasing photos of their suspect in the hopes those with information about him or



A still image of the suspect. METRO

the incident may come forward.

He is described as a white man in his late teens. At the time of one of the incidents, he was wearing a dark, hooded winter jacket and light-coloured pants.

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IN BRIEF

Police identify man, woman killed in head-on crash

Police in Nova Scotia have identified the man and woman killed in a head-on crash on Nova Scotia's Highway 103 on the weekend.

The RCMP say Daniel Eugene Clayton, 62, of Shelburne and Bernice Ruth Somers, 80, of Barrington died at the scene of the crash, which happened Sunday

afternoon between the exits to Birchtown and Clyde River.

The accident took place when a car travelling west hit another travelling east, police say. Highway 103 was closed in both directions between the two exits until about 10 p.m. Sunday.

A collision re-constructionist was called to the scene.

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Pedestrians walk past popular Halifax staple Rogues Roost on Spring Garden Road on Monday. JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

End in sight for Spring Garden building

MOVING

Tenants pack up, set to leave



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The end is in sight for a building that many businesses, including two well-known watering holes in downtown Halifax, have called home for years.

Lynne Ferguson, co-owner of Tom's Little Havana, confirmed Monday they will be packing up and moving Oct. 1.

The decision comes after almost a decade of rumours that the building's owner, Westwood

Developments Limited, would be demolishing the property and constructing a new development.

The building, located between Spring Garden Road and Doyle Street at the corner of Queen Street, houses a slew of different businesses, including a Bank of Montreal and Rogues Roost, as well as Tom's and Locas Billiards.

Metro reached out to the property owner, but they did not return comment.

Initially, Ferguson said, she was anxious about what would become of Tom's Little Havana, which is known as much for its intimate atmosphere as for its beer. But now the strange reality of moving is slowly settling in.

"I think everybody will have a few tears. It'll be sad," she said.

However, she said they are currently in talks with a few potential property owners and hopes to make a formal announcement in the next two weeks.

"The real hardcore regulars know that we're moving somewhere close," she said, hinting only that the bar, along with The Fireside restaurant that she also co-owns, will be within a four-block radius of their current locations.

She believes "new is good," although she jokes they will have to "muddy up" the bar's new spot

to make it truly feel like Tom's.

They even have the contact information of the artist who painted the bar's mural 18 years ago, she added.



It's going to help with the revitalization of the area.

Juanita Spencer of the Spring Garden Business Commission

Across the hall from Tom's, Rogues Roost also has a back-up plan in the works, according to an employee on Monday.

Juanita Spencer, executive director of the Spring Garden

Business Commission, believes the potential new development is a "win-win," saying increased density will drive up the number of shoppers.

INVESTIGATION

Cyclist hit by car, taken to hospital

Police are investigating after they say a cyclist was taken to hospital upon being hit by a car in Halifax.

Around 2:40 p.m. Monday, Halifax Regional Police responded to the corner of

Robie and Almon streets for a report of a cyclist being hit by a vehicle.

According to a release, a preliminary investigation showed the man was biking eastbound along Almon Street near Robie

when a car also travelling east turned and struck him.

The cyclist, which police say is in his sixties, was taken to hospital by paramedics with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police say the matter is under

investigation to determine if charges are warranted.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call police at 902-490-5016 or send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers. METRO



Halifax Rainmen owner Andre Levingston fields questions from the media during a press conference at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Rainmen owner breaks silence

GAME 7 FORFEIT

Plenty of blame laid on head coach



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Halifax Rainmen owner and president Andre Levingston's main message Monday consisted of two simple words: "I'm sorry."

Levingston broke his silence on the National Basketball League (NBL) of Canada championship drama at a news conference that lasted more than an hour at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

"Our fans, partners, employ-

ees, volunteers ... and everyone else who (has) supported us over the last eight seasons deserve better," he read from a statement.

"We had all the ingredients in place this season to bring home the championship — and we were denied."

The Rainmen lost Game 7 of the NBL Canada final series last Thursday night when they didn't show up at the WFCU Centre in Windsor. They forfeited what could have been Halifax's first-ever league title to defending champions Windsor Express.

Head coach Josep "Pep" Claros, assistant coach Pedro Monteiro and the players told media at their own news conference Saturday that it "just wasn't safe" to take to the court following a physical altercation at morning



We were cheated. We played six intense and physical games, but I was 100 per cent confident that the players were safe. There was no need to forfeit the game.

Rainmen owner and president Andre Levingston

shootarounds and taking into account the aggressive nature of the series and "real threats" of further violence off court.

"I take full responsibility for leading my team to the WFCU arena on Thursday morning when it was not our assigned practice time," Levingston read.

"We knew the court was not being used and we felt we deserved a morning time slot so we could get our rest."

That's when the physical alter-

cation broke out, he said.

Levingston said he disagreed with his head coach's decision not to play and was "satisfied and confident that precautions were in place" to keep players safe, including police escort, stronger police presence and three new referees "on high alert to call any unethical plays with an immediate ejection."

He also offered to bring in another coach, but the players backed their bench boss. London

Lightning owner Vito Frijia drove to Halifax's bus in an attempt to intervene and "warned them of the consequences of not playing."

The league slapped the Rainmen with \$90,000 in fines, \$20,000 of which Levingston will pay himself. Claros faces a \$10,000 fine plus a lifetime ban from coaching. Monteiro has to pay \$5,000 and is banned.

More than 3,800 fans in Windsor were turned away at the door, Levingston said, adding that missing Game 7 "cost the league and the organization millions of dollars in lost future revenues."

He pointed the finger at coach Claros: "Instead of leading our team to the championship, he led a group of talented players to broken contracts and a lifetime of controversy."

+ THE FUTURE

The Halifax Rainmen will be back next season.

Franchise owner and president Andre Levingston made that assurance at Monday's press conference, stating it will take "one day at a time" to regain trust from his team's supporters.

"We have tons of work to do," Levingston admitted, referring to both the team itself and the National Basketball League of Canada overall, but "our fans love the Rainmen as much as we love them."

Stress of fiasco driving Haywood away

Joey Haywood doesn't plan on wearing his Halifax Rainmen jersey next season.

The Saint Mary's Huskies alumnus said Monday he likely won't return to the team, even if the indefinite suspension handed out to him is lifted.

"At this moment: No way," the 30-year-old shooting guard said following a news conference at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. "It's too stressful; I haven't been eating."



It would have been a blood bath, a big fight. At that point it wasn't basketball. Joey Haywood

Haywood attended on behalf of his fellow players, most of whom have already left Halifax. "I hope there's a team here for the fans," Haywood said of the Rainmen having to recruit new players. "It's going to be tough because now it's global."

The Vancouver native and 10

of his teammates are suspended from NBL Canada "pending further investigation," and each faces a \$5,000 fine. Haywood doesn't plan on paying up, adding there's plenty of evidence to prove the final match-up would have been too violent to play.

"Before you give people fines,

it's supposed to be investigated first," he said. "Not fines and then the investigation; it's backwards."

He said the championship match-up "wouldn't have been a safe game at all."

For now, Haywood is heading back home to take a break.

"I'm not going to let my hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball in this country ruin my name," Haywood said. "I love the game so much."

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Joey Haywood speaks for his fellow Rainmen players at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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IN BRIEF

Province looking to attract immigrants to Cape Breton

Nova Scotia is spending \$174,000 to help bring more immigrants to Cape Breton.

Immigration Minister Lena Metlege Diab says the money will help the region attract and retain newcomers.



Lena Metlege Diab METRO

Diab says there are more than 1,200 international students in Cape Breton and her office is interested in finding ways

to encourage them to stay in the province.

In February, Cape Breton University launched an immigration task force to assess challenges related to bringing newcomers to the region, in consultation with international students and community groups.

University vice-president Keith Brown says the future of Cape Breton depends on expanding the region's workforce.

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Housing Nova Scotia to help fix up New Aberdeen

The province has announced a plan to fix up the exterior of homes and revitalize a community in Glace Bay.

Housing Nova Scotia Minister Joanne Bernard announced on Monday that more than 150 homes in the New Aberdeen section may be eligible for grants to improve their curbside appeal as part of Housing Nova Scotia's Neighbourhood Improvement Initiative.

The province says the improvements will complement work being done by the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and the New Aberdeen Revitalization Affordable Housing Society.

The homes, from First to Eleventh streets, between West and Centre avenues, may be eligible for grants of up to \$3,000 for projects such as landscaping, exterior painting and some repairs. Landlords may also qualify for \$2,000 grants per unit, which they have to match.

The municipality will also clear lots of empty, derelict homes.

CAPE BRETON POST

Halifax's Public Gardens to officially open gates

PARKS

Residents welcome on Wednesday after cleanup

Julia Manoukian
Metro | Halifax

At the Halifax Public Gardens, the paths are finally clear of snow, the bulbs are starting to pop — and on Wednesday the iron gates will officially swing open.

Though side gates on Summer Street and South Park Street were open Monday afternoon, Heidi Boutilier, the garden's chief horticulturalist, confirmed the opening wasn't official, just what the city calls a "passive" or weather-permitted opening.

"We try to open as much as we can," Boutilier said. "We've been working steady at spring cleanup for the last two weeks, making sure everything is safe. We're finally getting that spring feel."

+ HOURS

Heidi Boutilier said the Public Gardens' hours change with daylight and number of staff members, but usually the space is open at dawn and closed at dusk, because "people like to walk through on their way to work and back."



A man enjoys the beautiful weather at the Public Gardens on Monday. JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

Staff don't provide path maintenance in the winter, which is why this year, with all the ice and snow, the opening was so delayed, she said.

"It's a bit of a lowland area there and it holds it for a long time."

Because of the nature of Maritime weather, Boutilier said it's always difficult to tell when the Gardens will be open. The past few years it's opened in early April, which "isn't the norm."

Every year 550,000 people pass through the Public Gar-

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We're finally getting that spring feel.

Heidi Boutilier,
chief horticulturalist

dens, with a monthly average of 45,000 people.

Though that data is from 2008, the latest the city has on record, Boutilier said she couldn't imagine those numbers changing too much.

"The Public Gardens is on

the list when the cruise ships dock here," she said. "So it's a big attraction for tourists in general."

She said this year, people can experience a vibrant array of 12,000 fall bulbs, such as tulips, alliums, crocus, daffodil, hyacinth and fritillaria.

The two resident old lady geese have also been released back into their pen and small pond after staying with Hope for Wildlife for the winter.

Boutilier noted the Titanic model usually anchored in Griffin's pond won't be ready for Wednesday's opening.

REACTION

Spring's overdue arrival 'a relief'

With temperatures well into the double-digits Monday afternoon, people flocked outside to soak in some long-awaited Vitamin D.

"I'm finally glad that we're having some sun and it's warm enough for short pants," said Jeri Smith, 35, who held her five-month-old son.

Her three-and-a-half-year-old was out playing, with his dad watching close by.

"It's finally nice enough to have the kids outside," she added.

Kirk Garrison, 50, a public service worker, said he was enjoying the "beautiful weather" but bummed he had to go back to work.

"I'll just look out my window and dream about what I should be doing," said Garrison between forkfuls of a Pete's Salad.

Vivien Shotwell, 34, was basking in the sun with a pot of chicken curry and a novel.

"It's a relief," she said about the long-awaited warmth.

"This is the first time that my mother can remember that she hasn't been able to ride her bike in March," she said. JULIA MANOUKIAN/FOR METRO

NEPTUNE THEATRE

Addams Family extends their stay

Ghoul news, theatre fans: The Addams Family is extending their run at Neptune Theatre to the end of the month.

In a video posted to Twitter Monday, Gomez Addams, played by Rob Torr, appears as the spooky father of the family, cigar in hand.

"It wasn't long enough, so we extended," he says with an eyebrow wiggle as the iconic Addams Family musical theme plays in the background.

The Addams Family music-

+ MORE INFO

For ticket prices and show times, visit neptunetheatre.com.

al began April 7 and has been pulling in large crowds of all ages to see Wednesday, Pugsley, Morticia, Gomez and Lurch take the stage.

The play will now run to May 31.

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Uncle Fester — played by Jacob MacInnis — is seen in Neptune Theatre's production of The Addams Family in April. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Period actor Annie, played by Brittany Wuytenburg, poses in the brew house of the Alexander Keith's Brewery in Halifax on Sunday. DARREN PITTMAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trip out on our city's history

TOURISM

Boats, beer and things that go bump in the night

You don't have to read about history in Halifax — you can live it instead.

The 266-year-old city offers many ways to experience its past in person this summer.

Visitors and locals alike can start by exploring Halifax's harbour, which is one of the largest and deepest in the world, aboard the Tall Ship Silva.

The 40-metre schooner was built as a coastal cargo vessel in Sweden in 1939, at the tail end of the Age of Sail.

After being used by the Swedish navy in the Second World War, the Silva was re-

furbished and towed to Halifax, where she is currently the most chartered vessel in Nova Scotia.

"For Maritimers and for visitors, there's sort of that feeling of, I guess, wanting to get back on the water. Kind of recapturing the Age of Sail, because it's very much part of our history here," said Terri McCulloch, communications manager at the vessel's parent company Ambassadors Gray Line.



It's all about the atmosphere.

Andy Smith, tour guide

"(The Silva) helps people participate in the romance of that period, because it feels like a historical vessel."

Passengers on any of the ship's daily cruises can help the captain and crew hoist sails and coil ropes as they hear about the harbour's significance, past and present.

There's even a pub on board. "Another part of our history we're very proud of here in the

+ STEP INTO THE PAST

Ghost Walk of Historic Halifax runs Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from May through October, weather permitting. Visit tattletours.ca/ghostwalk.html for more info.

Alexander Keith's Brewery Tours (1496 Lower Water St.) run every half hour daily from mid-June through Oc-

tober. Tours run less often in the off-season. Call 902-455-1474 for details and bookings.

Tall Ship Silva harbour cruises sail daily from June through September. Call 902-420-1015 or visit www.tallshipsilva.com/halifax-harbour-tours.php for details and bookings.



The Stag's Head Bar of the Alexander Keith's Brewery in Halifax. DARREN PITTMAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maritimes," McCulloch said with a laugh. It's true: Halifax likes to boast it has the highest number of bars per capita in Canada. Whether or not that's the case, it does host one of the oldest breweries: Alexander Keith's, founded in 1820.

Visitors are transported back to the brewery's 1860s heyday on hour-long theatrical tours through the brewery, which was also Alexander Keith's first home.

"It combines history, beer, theatre, traditional music: we've got it all," said Jennette White, the tour's creative director.

Jovial guides in period costume and character lead guests through the ironstone and granite building, describing the history of the building and the city.

If you're lucky, they promise, you might even get to meet Mr. Keith himself.

And you'll definitely get to sample some of his beer at the end of the tour, in a replicated 19th-century pub complete

with card games and drinking songs. But there's another side to the brewery: a spooky side. To hear how the brewmaster's spectre is said to haunt the building, you'll have to take a ghost walk of historic Halifax with actor and tour guide Andy Smith.

"It's all about the atmosphere," Smith said, describing his ghost walk as a mixture of scary stories and tales of the city's past.

"Halifax is very, very rich in history."

Rich history makes for a lot of ghosts, apparently.

The two-hour tour starts at the Old Town Clock and winds its way past eerie spots like the Old Burying Ground cemetery and St. Paul's Anglican church, the oldest building in Halifax.

They say you can still see the outline of a severed head that flew through the church's window during the Halifax Explosion in 1917.

But you'll have to see for yourself.

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EVENTS SPRINGTIME RIPENS WITH FUN East Coast Amusement workers unload parts of the Berry-Go-Round on Wyse Road in Dartmouth on Monday. The spring fair will be open later this week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Advocating for housing

DEVELOPMENT

City's focus must be on affordability, says councillor



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

When it comes to affordable housing, one regional councillor says the city should be more concerned with advocating than funding specific projects.

On Monday, Coun. Linda Mosher said while financing affordable housing is not in the HRM mandate as it's a provincial and federal responsibility, advocating for rent affordability and more affordable housing for families is a good step.

"We can still look and see what we can do, but look at our policies so we can play an advocacy role," Mosher said.

Mosher said tax incentives, reducing fees or waiving per-

mits for those developments that include affordable housing, especially with more than one or two bedrooms for families, would be a better move.

"We can try to work with the development community and incentivize some developments to ensure that includes affordable housing," she said.

After seeing developments on Gottingen Street and the future Bloomfield project plan for mostly bachelor-style affordable housing, Mosher said keeping working families with children in mind is important going forward.

It's also important to gather input from the community on developing vacant lots or pinpointing properties that are rundown and not safe to live in, Mosher said, but when it comes to money for affordable housing the municipality can't afford it.

She didn't support the latest Halifax budget with its 3.2 per cent property tax increase because alongside high water and electricity bills, residents "can't take it anymore," Mosher said.

HEALTH

QEII hospital nears full operation



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

A senior director at the QEII Health Sciences Centre is hoping the schedule for surgeries at the Halifax Infirmary will return to normal in the next two days.

Karen Mumford said Monday the infirmary was performing around 75 per cent of scheduled procedures, but had postponed 21 more surgeries slated for that day.

"We are working towards 100 per cent by Wednesday," Mumford said of the 500 surgeries postponed to date.

Over the last couple of weeks, she said staff have been partnering with the IWK Health Centre and other districts within the health authority to help sterilize medical equipment, after the infirmary's sterilization machines failed.

Black debris appeared on the

instruments after the sterilizers failed, later found out to be the result of corrosion.

Mumford said staff are also working to develop a "recovery plan," in order to complete those surgeries which were postponed.

That could potentially see patients moved to different facilities across the province.

"We are actively engaging

in discussions daily," Mumford said, adding the plan is not yet finalized. Officials will discuss a draft of the tender for five new sterilization units Tuesday, she added.

Last week, the province promised to offer up around \$500,000 for the health authority to procure five new units, each which comes with an estimated \$100,000 price tag.



The Halifax Infirmary of the QEII Health Sciences Centre.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

TOURISM

Ice delaying start of ferry season

The ferry running between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia will be starting its season later than usual this year because of ice conditions at sea.

Northumberland Ferries

was scheduled to start its run between Wood Islands, P.E.I., and Caribou, N.S., on May 1 but the start date has been pushed back. The company says it expects to open the sea-

son on Friday but will reassess ice conditions on Wednesday.

Ice in the waters off P.E.I. has also delayed start of the province's spring lobster fishery.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

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Trudeau announces economic platform



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau makes a policy announcement Monday during an event at a restaurant in Aylmer, Que. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLITICS

Liberal leader plans tax hikes for wealthy, cuts for middle class

Justin Trudeau has unveiled the Liberal alternative to the Harper government's economic plan: hike taxes for the wealthiest one per cent to pay for more generous child benefits and an across-the-board income tax cut for the middle class.

Under the Liberal proposal announced Monday:

- The 22-per-cent tax rate for anyone with a taxable annual income between \$44,701 and \$89,401 would be cut to 20.5 per cent.
- A new tax bracket of 33 per cent would be imposed on those with taxable incomes over \$200,000 a year. The current top bracket of 29 per cent would continue to apply to those

earning between \$138,586 and \$200,000.

A Trudeau government would also scrap Prime Minister Stephen Harper's universal child care benefit and roll together two other existing child benefits into a single, more generous, monthly, tax-free "Canada child benefit." According to the Liberals, all families with kids under 18 and an annual income below \$150,000, or 90 per cent of families, would receive more under Trudeau's plan.

Monday's announcement is a reply to last month's Conservative pre-election budget, which pivots around twin measures to allow parents with children under 18 to split their income for tax purposes and to expand and enrich the universal child care benefit.

Trudeau has promised to scrap the \$2-billion parental income-splitting scheme, which critics have said will benefit less than 15 per cent of families, primarily the wealthiest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bail for Khadr a threat to transfers: Feds

Granting bail to former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr while he appeals his war crimes conviction in the United States threatens the entire system of international prisoner transfers, the federal government argues in new court filings.

The claim comes in material filed late Monday as part of Ottawa's 11th-hour attempt to block Khadr's release from prison — which could come as early as Tuesday evening.

"A lack of clarity in the international transfer process may jeopardize the system as a whole," the government states

in documents obtained by The Canadian Press. Despite having presented no such evidence at his bail hearing, the government also now argues that allowing Khadr out presents a risk that is contrary to the public interest.

It does not elaborate on the nature of the risk but notes he has applied for parole in June.

On Monday, the government also filed its formal notice of appeal of the April 24 decision by Justice June Ross of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench granting Khadr bail. It wants the stay pending disposition of the case.

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IN BRIEF

Harper speaks at war cemetery in Netherlands

Prime Minister Stephen Harper paid tribute to Canada's war dead at a service in the Netherlands Monday morning.

He was joined by a few dozen surviving veterans of the battles to liberate north-west Europe, which culminated with the surrender of Nazi German forces 70 years

ago. Harper spoke of the great sacrifices made by the now-dwindling war-time generation, saying they understood that some things were worth fighting and dying for.

He delivered the speech at the Holten Canadian War Cemetery, which contains the graves of 1,350 Canadian soldiers, many of whom were killed in the late stages of the war. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Defence's information-sharing documents not being disclosed

The Defence Department is refusing to release the text of a ministerial directive that sets out how the Canadian Forces can seek and share information from foreign partners even when it may put someone at risk of torture.

The Canadian Press requested the 2013 directive one year ago

under the Access to Information Act and received a draft copy — marked unclassified — with key elements censored.

However, a classified April 2013 covering letter says the planned directive was based on a government-wide framework that guides Canadian security

agencies when seeking or sharing information puts someone in foreign custody at serious risk of being abused.

The federal policy has drawn criticism from human rights advocates and opposition MPs, who say it effectively condones torture. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Everest climber escapes death

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Base camp avalanche was adventurer's third close call

It was lunchtime on Everest when Joe Raftis felt the dining tent shake.

The Toronto businessman knew the feeling. He had narrowly cheated death twice in the past two years — first at the 2013 Boston Marathon, which he completed just an hour before terrorists set off pressure-cooker bombs at the finish line; then again in 2014, when his first attempt to scale the world's tallest peak was interrupted by a devastating avalanche that killed 16 Sherpa guides.

This time, hunkered down at

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Just 15 metres away, there were deaths and injuries.

Joe Raftis

the mountain's historically safe base camp just before noon, the possibility of a third close call seemed remote.

“At first, it doesn't register as an earthquake,” Raftis, 54, said on Monday. “You just think, are there a bunch of guys outside shaking the tent?”

A sound outside — a “roar” — told him this was more serious.

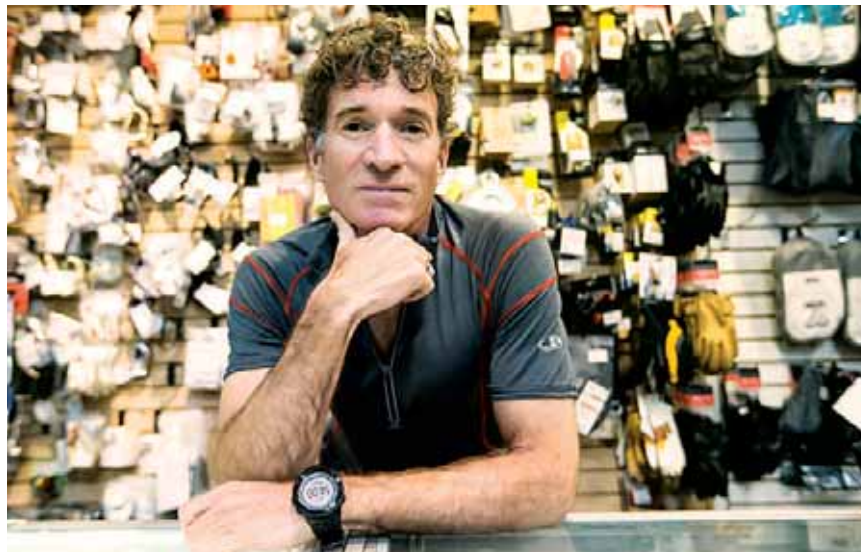
“So I ran out of the tent, and I saw this wall of snow and ice — an avalanche, coming at me.”

Last month's earthquake in Nepal and its aftermath have claimed more than 7,000 lives, including those of 19 climbers on Everest. Raftis was almost part of the grim tally. A day after landing in Toronto, speaking from Europe Bound, the travel gear store he owns on King Street, he called himself “lucky.”

“I can't believe my luck, three years in a row,” he said.

Raftis also had to think fast. He said he had 10 seconds after seeing the avalanche approaching to choose between running and seeking shelter in the tent.

He decided to run, and made it about 15 metres before stopping and covering his head



Joe Raftis, an employee at Europe Bound, in Toronto, escaped an Everest earthquake for the second straight year and also ran the Boston Marathon in 2013. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

with his arms. Though he was buried up to his calves, the worst of the pummeling snow hit some 40 metres away.

He and his climbing group were “pretty unscathed.”

“It was kind of a narrow

miss. Just 15 metres away, there were deaths and injuries,” Raftis said.

Within 20 minutes, he was able to call his wife, Shelly, at their north Toronto home using a satellite phone. But the

signal cut out before long. That night, he slept fitfully in the dining tent at base camp, the sound of avalanches continuing to echo down the mountain.

Aftershocks and rockslides continued the next day. As

Raftis hiked towards a nearby village, he saw the extent of the earthquake's devastation.

“Camps completely wiped out, camps completely crushed,” he said. “You see a single mitten there, a single jacket there ... everything just dispersed everywhere. It was like a junkyard.”

He also saw three dead bodies, wrapped in tarps, “just waiting to be airlifted out.”

For the next few days, he and his party hiked towards the small Nepalese town of Lukla, hoping to catch a flight bound for Kathmandu. After nearly three days of waiting, Raftis says he bribed an official to get a boarding pass at the tiny, crowded airport.

From Kathmandu he flew to Bangkok, on to London, and then home to Toronto. At 11 a.m. Sunday, he was reunited with his wife and three kids.

An avid climber, Raftis has previously scaled the highest mountain in every continent but South America and Asia. He now says this was his last shot at Everest: “I'm not going back a third time,” he said. “I'm too old for this.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ALBERTA ELECTION

Ban lifted on candidate's case

The day before the Alberta election, the governing Progressive Conservatives were forced to address lurid allegations surrounding their former justice minister's failed marriage.

A judge lifted a ban that had kept from the public allegations that Jonathan Denis kneed his estranged wife, Breanna Palmer, in the face, tampered with her car's brakes and threw temper tantrums while their months-long marriage fell apart earlier this year.

Justice Craig Jones also removed an emergency protection order against Denis. The judge said he was satisfied Palmer is “not in danger of family violence.”

“I accept Miss Palmer's anxieties rising from her interactions with Mr. Denis... are real,” Jones said Monday. “I am not persuaded that they rise to the level of an objectively reasonable fear of family violence.”

Denis, who has not been charged with any crime, said he was looking forward to getting back to the campaign in its final hours.

Premier Jim Prentice asked Denis to resign his cabinet portfolio on April 25 — three weeks into the campaign and a day



Jonathan Denis and Jim Prentice in Edmonton before the Alberta budget was delivered.

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after a judge granted Palmer a temporary emergency protection order.

Denis however, remained a candidate for the party in Calgary Acadia. Prentice said he had confidence in Denis.

The Wildrose Party called for Denis to resign Monday given the “serious allegations” revealed when the publication

ban was lifted. Prentice refused. “A marriage breakdown is a tragic circumstance for all involved. And that is what this remains, a matrimonial dispute that continues to be extreme-

ly difficult for both of these people,” he said in a statement.

Palmer provided a lengthy list of complaints against Denis, including that he ripped a TV out of the wall and the seat off a toilet as the relationship eroded.

She alleged that in the spring of 2014 he kneed her in the nose when she went to kiss him while he was in bed, causing her nose to bleed. Palmer said her car was broken into twice and both her clutch and brakes were damaged. She also alleged Denis's mother once locked her in the couple's home.

“She indicated they were both miserable,” said Jones, who noted that not all of the allegations held up under cross-examination.

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ITALY SHIPS RESCUE THOUSANDS OF MIGRANTS AT SEA NEAR LIBYA A child blows a kiss as migrants disembark from the Italian Navy frigate Bersagliere at the Reggio Calabria harbour, Monday. Italian rescue ships brought migrants by the thousands to Italy's southern ports, including a baby born aboard a navy vessel, as crowded shelters in Sicily and on the mainland struggled Monday to find room for them. In a three-day period ending Sunday, 6,771 survivors were rescued in the seas north of Libya from overcrowded rubber dinghies and unseaworthy fishing boats sent out by smuggling rings, the coast guard reported Monday. Ten bodies were found Sunday on boats or in the sea. ADRIANA SAPONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gunmen ID'd in attack outside cartoon event

DALLAS

One man well-known to FBI

Since at least 2007, the FBI has been able to recognize the voice of Elton Simpson — one of the men suspected in the Texas shootings outside a contest featuring cartoons of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

Agents recorded the young man from Phoenix talking about fighting nonbelievers for Allah. About plans to travel to South Africa and link up with "brothers" in Somalia. About using school as a cover story for travelling overseas.

Simpson was arrested in 2010, one day before authorities say he planned to leave for South Africa. But despite more than 1,500 hours of recorded conversations, the government prosecuted him on only one minor charge — lying to a federal agent. Years spent investigating Simpson for terrorism ties resulted in three years of probation and \$600 in fines and court fees.

Then, on Sunday, two men

whom authorities identified as Simpson and Nadir Soofi opened fire in a Dallas suburb on a security officer stationed outside the contest. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation by name.

The deliberately provocative contest had been expected to draw outrage from the Muslim community. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad — even a respectful one — is considered blasphemous, and drawings similar to those featured at the Texas event have sparked violence around the world.

Simpson and Soofi were wearing body armour, and one shot the guard in the leg. A police officer returned fire and struck both men, killing them. The guard was treated for his injury at a hospital and released.

Simpson, described as quiet and devout, had been on the radar of law enforcement because of his social media presence, but authorities did not have an indication that he was

plotting an attack, said one federal official familiar with the investigation. Less was known about Soofi who appeared to have never been prosecuted in federal court, according to a search of court records.

Simpson had worshipped at the Islamic Community Center of Phoenix for about a decade, but he quit showing up over the past two or three months, the president of the mosque told The Associated Press. A convert to Islam, Simpson first attracted the FBI's attention in 2006 because of his ties to Hassan Abu Jihad, a former U.S. Navy sailor who had been arrested in Phoenix and was ultimately convicted of terrorism-related charges, according to court records.

In the fall of that year, the FBI asked one of its informants, Dabla Deng, a Sudanese immigrant, to befriend Simpson and ask for advice about Islam. Over the next few years, Deng would tape his conversations with Simpson with a hidden recording device accumulating more than 1,500 hours of conversations, according to court records.

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RECONSTRUCTION

Nepal calls for more international aid

Nepal's government will need immense international support as the Himalayan nation begins turning its attention toward reconstruction in the coming weeks, in the wake of the devastating April earthquake, a top official said Monday.

Nepal is one of the world's poorest nations, and its economy, largely based on tourism, has been crippled by the earthquake, which left more than 7,300 people dead. While there are no clear estimates yet of how

much it will cost to rebuild, it will certainly be enormously expensive.

"In two to three weeks a serious reconstruction package needs to be developed, where we'll need enormous help from the international community," said Information Minister Minendra Rijal.

He also said foreign rescue workers were welcome in Nepal, saying they could remain as long as they are needed.

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EVEREST

Sherpas refuse to rebuild trek route

Sherpas in Nepal have refused to rebuild a climbing route on Mount Everest that was destroyed by an earthquake-triggered avalanche more than a week ago, a decision likely to end this year's climbing season.

Gyanendra Shrestha, an official at Nepal's Mountaineering Department, said the Sherpas informed the office on Monday that they were not going to rebuild the route because of safety and time reasons.

It would be the second con-

secutive year that the climbing season has been called off because of deaths on the world's highest peak. The season was cancelled last year after an avalanche killed 16 Sherpa guides.

Mountaineering teams have until the end of this month to climb the peak, but without the route being fixed it is not possible for them. The Sherpas play a crucial role by bringing the ladders, ropes and equipment needed to clear the trail.

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IN BRIEF

Taliban 'welcome' peace efforts after Qatar talks

Taliban militants who have been waging war on the Afghan government for more than a decade on Monday expressed a willingness to soften their position on a range of issues, an apparent shift that could eventually lead to peace talks. But despite those positive signs following two days of informal talks in Qatar, a wave of Taliban attacks targeting police checkpoints late Sunday night in the remote Afghan province of Badakhshan, killed at least 16 policemen.

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Civilians killed in U.S.-led strikes on ISIL-held village in Syria: Rights group

A Syrian rights group reported Monday that the death toll of civilians purportedly killed in airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition on a village controlled by ISIL in Syria has risen to 64, including 31 children, as the U.S. military said it is assessing whether to launch a formal investigation into the claim. U.S. Army Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said that so far there was no information to indicate there were civilians present in the village.

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Brand endorses Ed Miliband



Comedian turned political activist Russell Brand has changed his mind and is no longer urging people not to vote in Thursday's general election. Instead, Brand on Monday used his YouTube channel to urge his more than 1 million subscribers to back the Labour Party's Ed Miliband.

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YOUTUBE

Comedian reverses stance on non-voting, backs Labour

British comedian-turned-political activist Russell Brand has changed his mind and is no longer urging people not to vote in Thursday's general election — now he wants them to vote for Labour.

Brand used his YouTube channel Monday to urge his more than 1 million subscribers to back Labour Party Leader Ed Miliband, saying the Conservative Party led by Prime Minister David Cameron must be stopped.

The last-minute conversion may influence young voters who have read Brand's best-selling book *Revolution* and embraced his YouTube complaints about big business and banks having too much power.

The long-haired comedian, who has starred in several films, has campaigned for the rights of London tenants and com-

plained about heartless capitalism. He interviewed Miliband last week for his YouTube channel — prompting Cameron to label Brand “a joke” and to condemn Miliband for appearing with the bawdy comedian.

Brand struck back on YouTube.

“David Cameron might think I’m a joke. But I don’t think there’s anything funny about what the Conservative Party has been doing to this country, and we have to stop them,” he said.

Brand said in his YouTube endorsement that Miliband wouldn’t change things overnight but would listen to peoples’ complaints. He also tweeted the video to his more than 9 million Twitter followers.

Far-right UK Independence Party Leader Nigel Farage, fighting for a place in Parliament, seemed unimpressed by Brand’s

backing of Labour.

“I’m very pleased Russell Brand hasn’t endorsed me,” he told BBC Radio.

Miliband’s Labour Party also

received the endorsement of bestselling celebrity TV cook Delia Smith, who enjoys a national following. Campaigning with Miliband in the seaside city of Brighton, she said she feels the Labour party will protect Britain’s National Health Service.



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Russell Brand

The vote Thursday is expected to be close. Neither of the two main parties — Conservatives and Labour — is expected to win an absolute majority in Parliament because of the growth of smaller parties like the Scottish National Party and UKIP. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. ELECTION

Prospects dark for Lib Dems

At Britain's last election campaign, he was hailed as the most popular party leader since Winston Churchill, an unexpected star who upstaged the two dominant parties. Some even wondered whether he was the British Obama.

Nick Clegg's meteoric rise transformed him from a relatively obscure leader of the left-of-centre Liberal Democrats — Britain's third party and perennial “also-rans” — into deputy prime minister.

Five years on, he may be headed for the political graveyard — paying for his decision to enter a marriage of convenience with the ruling Conservative Party.

The Lib Dems are bracing themselves for a disastrous election, and Clegg, 48, faces the humiliating prospect of losing his own seat in Parliament. Many have not forgiven



Deputy Prime Minister and Liberal Democrat Party Leader Nick Clegg speaks in London on Monday.

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Clegg for breaking his pre-election pledge to oppose any increase in university tuition fees. Just months after the 2010 election, the Conservative-led government that he joined announced those fees would triple to 9,000 pounds (\$13,600) per year.

“He didn’t stand by his guns. Now he’s gone to government, people have seen the other side of him,” said Tony Lamb, a 57-year-old butcher in the constituency of Sheffield Hallam, where Clegg is fighting to keep a seat he’s safely held for two terms. “People think he’s just somebody’s puppet, making up the numbers. That’s all he’s done.”

That harsh judgment sums up the views of many voters who have turned their backs on Clegg, whose fall from grace has been as spectacular as his rise was sudden. As Britain heads into its most unpredictable election in years, the reversal of the Lib Dems’ fortunes is a stark reminder of the volatile coalition politics that almost certainly lies ahead.

Polls predict that neither Prime Minister David Cameron’s Conservatives nor their main rival, the Labour Party, will win outright in Thursday’s general election. Most Britons expect some coalition with smaller fringe parties in the mix. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Watchdogs keeping eye on Apple's Beats

STREAMING MUSIC

Regulators fear aggressive tactics against competition

Apple appears to have raised the ire of anti-trust authorities as it prepares for the launch of its Beats music streaming service, according to reports.

Both the European Union's Competition Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice are reportedly watching the Cupertino, Calif.-based company, as it may be using aggressive

tactics with record labels to hamper the competition as it prepares to enter the market.

With the launch of Beats Music expected this summer, Apple is apparently trying to pressure music labels to not renew Spotify's licence to stream music through its free tier.

While Spotify has 60 million users, only 15 million are paid users of its \$10 a month service.

The Verge website reported that the according to multiple sources, the U.S. Department of Justice is tracking the company, which follows a New York Post report that European Union's Competition Commission has

launched a probe into the company's business practices. The New York Post says that Apple wanted to charge less than \$10 a month for its impending streaming service to undercut the competition, but couldn't make the pricing work.

The Verge also reported a source saying that Apple offered to pay Universal Music group the equivalent of what it gets from YouTube Licensing fee if it stopped putting its music up on the service.

YouTube is still where the majority of people go online to listen to music, and it has also launched a paid music tier service.

Ahead of Apple's Beats launch, Spotify is offering promotions in Canada in the hopes of growing its user base. The company is offering three months of its premium tier for 99 cents a month. Wireless company Fido is offering two years of Spotify premium for free as part of its Pulse plan promotions.

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+ SPOTIFY WOOLING CANADIANS

City-themed playlists

Marketing Magazine reported that, in a bid to be seen as catering to local tastes, Spotify has unveiled a number of new Canadian city-themed playlists, in-

cluding Toronto.

Spotify created these playlists using the data it has showing what's popular in each of those cities, and added in tracks suggested by local influencers.



LAS VEGAS AGING RIVIERA AGING NO MORE A sign thanks customers outside the Riviera Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip, which shut down at noon Monday as the last few gamblers tried their luck on slots. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, which bought the building where Liberace and Frank Sinatra once were headliners, plans to tear it down and expand the Las Vegas Convention Center to the Strip. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seniors filing for insolvency with bigger debts, report finds

Seniors and those approaching retirement are making up a growing proportion of those filing for insolvency in Ontario and have bigger debts compared to younger people, a report said Monday.

And while credit card debt makes up the largest portion for them, payday loans are a

growing concern for seniors, said Doug Hoyes, co-founder of bankruptcy trustee firm Hoyes, Michalos & Associates Inc. which did the report.

Hoyes said the number of people filing for insolvency has been trending down in recent years, but use of payday and fast cash style loans is on the rise.

The percentage of debtors with at least one payday loan increased to 18 per cent compared with 12 per cent two years ago, while the average total payday loan debt for those with them rose 12 per cent to \$2,749.

Seniors were less likely to use payday loans at just nine per cent of those over 60 filing for

insolvency with one, but those that did owed \$3,693 on average.

Hoyes said some of the growth in seniors filing for insolvency is due to more people reaching retirement as baby boomers get older.

And while for some that has meant selling their home for a big profit and a comfortable

retirement, for others, medical bills, job loss or divorce have crippled them financially, he said.

"Unfortunately, if you go into retirement with debt, you've got a huge problem because now your income has gone down and you can't service it," he said.

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\$68,677

Debtors 50 and older had **\$68,677 in unsecured debt**; those over 60 had debt of **\$69,031**, the report found.

FAST FOOD

McDonald's mapping out turnaround plan

McDonald's wants to simplify, simplify, simplify — but also add a bunch of choices for customers to avoid growing stale.

CEO Steve Easterbrook said Monday that he will strip away the bureaucracy at McDonald's so the company can move more nimbly to keep up with changing tastes. The overhaul comes after McDonald's saw its profit drop 15 per cent last year, with sales dipping in regions around the world.

To help make the right changes more quickly, McDonald's said it's restructuring its business into four units led by lean management teams.

The U.S. market, which accounts for more than 40 per cent of operating profit, will be its own unit. Another unit

will be made up of established international markets such as Australia and the United Kingdom, and another with high-growth markets such as China and Russia. The countries where McDonald's has a smaller presence will be grouped separately.

Previously, the units were segmented by geography rather than market type.

McDonald's also said Monday that 90 per cent of its more than 36,200 restaurants around the world will be franchised over the next four years. That's up from 81 per cent, and will mean the company will rely more heavily on franchising fees and move away from the daily work of running restaurants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Buffett bets on IBM

Investor Warren Buffett says he believes IBM will be making more money 10 years from now than it does today. Buffett says he thinks IBM will fare well in cloud computing and corporate services.

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Why would anyone go to a play about residential schools?

You might think you know about residential schools.

You've seen them in headlines since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission began unwrapping the individual horrors of the government's attempts to destroy indigenous culture. You know about the abuses, the tearing apart of families, the ripple effects of alcoholism, the violence and the poverty.

You know who was the victim and who was to blame. So you'd know what to expect if you went to see a play about it. And then, if that play is *God and the Indian*, you'd be disappointed.

In the play, now running in Toronto and headed to Vancouver later in the month, Johnny Indian confronts the priest she believed raped her as a child. And he denies it.

The priest, George King, and Johnny each battle to prove the other wrong. The audience acts like a jury, but if pressed we would declare ourselves hung. No one leaves the theatre innocent.

"Very few characters in history who are evil think they're evil," playwright Drew Haydon Taylor told me over the phone. He was busy preparing a dinner of stuffed peppers, "a traditional Ojibwe dish."

Yes, that's a joke. Taylor is a funny man, often writing plays and satires that capture what he calls indigenous "survival humor." As an elder

once told him, "Humor is the WD-40 of healing for native people."

It is also present in Johnny. "I guess it helps when you are the same race as God," she quips in the play. Another time she mentions getting pregnant with a man named Dick: "That's what happens with Dicks," she says.

The audience acts like a jury, but if pressed we would declare ourselves hung. No one leaves the theatre innocent.

Taylor's comedic plays are subversive, he argues, because "the vast majority of my native characters aren't dysfunctional enough for mainstream audiences."

Even Johnny — homeless, mentally ill and physically unwell — is far more than a victim. But God and the Indian is subversive, too, in all the questions that it does not answer.

The trick of this play isn't what it tells you about residential schools — it's what it doesn't say about who is to blame. There is no justice. Despite her pleas, Johnny doesn't get a confession. Despite his denial, we don't know if the priest is innocent.

the big question

How old is old enough for kids to go out on their own?

Whether it's playing at the park or spending pocket money at the Lego store, a bit of independence is good for the mental and physical health of kids age nine to 11, said Ryerson University professor Raktim Mitra. He used wearable exercise monitors to study 1,000 Grade 5 and 6 students in the Greater Toronto Area for a week. Kids allowed to explore on their own were 14 to 19 per cent more active than those constantly supervised. Most provinces don't have a specific law, so it's up to parents to decide when a child is mature enough.

Transit fund to arrive in a few years, with strings

YOUR RIDE

Erica Butler



There was important news for transit riders in this year's federal budget, but don't expect it to make your daily commute easier anytime soon.

The government announced \$1 billion a year for a federal transit fund, the amount the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has been requesting for years, at a minimum, to build badly needed transit infrastructure in Canadian cities.

However, the proposed fund would not come into play this year or next. Instead, it starts out in 2017 with \$250 million, eventually ramping up to \$1 billion annually by 2019.

And therein lies the rub,

says It's More Than Buses member Scott Edgar.

"For any Canadian city, the transportation funding needs are now, not five years from now," Edgar tells me.

In Halifax, he says, "We're already compromising our bus system because of lack of money for infrastructure."

He points to the current route redesign: due to congestion, Halifax Transit's new plan abandons Bayers Road as a corridor for buses, though it's a major artery (and even a candidate for widening).

Instead of abandoning this corridor route, says Edgar, bus lanes should be in the plan for Bayers Road, to make it fast and reliable. It's the kind of project that might be made possible with dedicated federal money, but, says Edgar, "it should be happening this year."

Coun. Darren Fisher shares

Edgar's disappointment over the timing of the funding and adds another worry: our ability to get at it.

The proposed fund would favour public-private partnerships (P3s). Instead of just hiring private companies to build our bus lanes, ferries or commuter rail stations, the federal government is asking us to get companies involved for the long term — financing, owning or operating our transit-system components.

Fisher's worry is not so much the economic ideology involved but the chance the emphasis on P3s could "make it more difficult for smaller municipalities to access this funding," he says.

Of course, like most federal monies, Halifax's access to it also depends on the provincial government and its willingness to contribute funds to transit projects.

Is there good news? Well, Coun. Tim Outhit of Bedford seems excited at the possible implications the fund could have for commuter rail service between Bedford and Halifax.

The federal government is asking us to get private companies involved in transit long-term.

At least, Edgar says, "It's nice to see the federal government recognizing the role they ought to have in funding infrastructure for public transit."

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Follow the Gold Record Road

Blues. Jazz. Country. Rock 'n' roll. Gospel. Southern Gospel. Cajun-zydeco. Soul/R&B. Bluegrass. Nine of America's most well-known music genres now have their own road map. Led by Nashville preservationist Aubrey Preston, a group of historians and music lovers came up with the Americana Music Triangle The Associated Press

Stretching from Nashville to Memphis to New Orleans — and encompassing points in between — the Americana Music Triangle includes locations in the Deep South that helped birth of the musical genres, from Clarksdale, Miss., the home of blues masters Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker, to Muscle Shoals, Ala., site of the famed music studio where Aretha Franklin, the Rolling Stones and many others recorded songs.

Philanthropist Aubrey Preston hopes the triangle gives travelling music lovers, both foreign and domestic, a multi-state,

Internet-based, interactive guide of the cradle of America's music, while also spurring enough interest for community leaders to preserve these spots for future educational and tourism opportunities.

State and local tourism officials hope much-needed dollars flow into their towns from travellers with cash to spend on restaurants, music shows, shops, and even gas stations and car washes.

"We're giving an anchor, a cloud of information ... that's easily accessible and connects places, stories, people and music to information that people can get from any place in the world," said Preston, whose last-minute purchase of Nashville's legendary RCA Studio A in October 2014 saved it from being torn down.

Events scheduled throughout this week in six cities will launch the Americana Music Triangle.



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Historian Colin Escott says the triangle accurately spotlights locations that will draw people to the South: the jazz halls of New Orleans, the rock 'n' roll and soul studios of Memphis, the cotton plantations of the Mississippi Delta.

"People do seem to want to touch something that's real," said Escott, co-writer of the book

and musical Million Dollar Quartet and contributor to the triangle project. "They love this music throughout the world, and it is like a universal currency."

A city of about 17,200 about one-and-a-half hours' drive south of Memphis, Clarksdale has seen its share of population loss, poverty, troubled schools and blight, like other small towns in the triangle.

But, in recent years, the city has tried to boost its agriculture-driven economy with tourist spending and the sales taxes it generates. Downtown has seen an increase in restaurants and accommodations like loft apartments, and population appears to be growing. Tourists from overseas are making more frequent treks to Clarksdale, according to Mayor Bill Luckett and co-owner of Ground Zero Blues Club.

"Pulling this project off will

be a tremendous help to this whole region," Luckett said. "It puts money in this economy that wasn't here before."

Luckett says promoting tourism does not exploit the city's more disadvantaged residents, some of whom may resent that so much attention is being paid to tourists while they struggle.

"There are some people who are going to express some resentment. I read it, I hear it," Luckett said. "Frankly, it's unfair and untrue."

Tourism and civic leaders in each location are encouraged to direct tourists to other spots on the trail, even if they are in another state. This sets the pro-

ject apart from government-run initiatives that won't promote tourism experiences outside their purview.

The project's supporters hope that, as more people are drawn to these locations, governments, philanthropists and non-profits will move to preserve the sites and increase opportunities for musicians.

"If you have more regular (visitor) traffic, then you can start to have more music," said Roger Stolle, owner of the Cat Head Delta Blues & Folk Art store in Clarksdale. "It not only means that venue is going to be there for a long time, but it gives a reason for musicians to be there."

MUSIC CRADLE

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Destinations are connected by the Gold Record Road, a 1,500-mile stretch of highway made up of Interstate 40 from Nashville to Memphis, Highway 61 — the Blues Trail — from Memphis to New Orleans, and the Natchez Trace Parkway from Nashville to Natchez, Miss. Travellers planning road trips can use a website as a guide, pinpointing destinations in the triangle and describing points of interest in more than 30 communities in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.



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Historian Colin Escott



Omar Gordon, 24, plays the guitar outside the Cat Head Delta Blues & Folk Art store in Clarksdale, Miss., the home of Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker. ADRIAN SAINZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Princess' life won't be fairy tale

ROYAL FEMALES



Princess Charlotte



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ROYAL BIRTH

Despite progress, Charlotte will still face sexism

William and Kate's new daughter is the first British princess who won't face royal discrimination because she's a girl, but her life won't be without challenges.

Thanks to a change in the centuries-old rules of royal succession, if **Princess Charlotte** has a younger brother, he won't overtake her in line to the throne.

But in a world where girls are encouraged to embrace pretty-in-pink princess imagery from birth, the royal daughter born Saturday is bound to face a level of scrutiny her elder sibling Prince George won't have to worry about.

Claudia Joseph, author of William and Kate's Britain, said that as a future king, third-in-line-to-the-throne George can expect a life of "duty and responsibility."

His sister "will have a more carefree life, but on the other hand, we live in a world obsessed with looks. Nearly every woman nowadays is constantly under scrutiny."

The experience of Kate — and, even more, of the baby's late grandmother, **Princess Diana** — suggests the level of interest the princess can expect.

Every outfit, every hairstyle, will be recorded, commented on, copied.

Royal historian Robert Lacey said princesses face a different burden than princes.



Royal fans hold up a sign reading "it's a princess" as they celebrate following the announcement of the birth of Princess Charlotte. Some in Britain have criticized the level of gender stereotyping with the royal birth. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

"There's so much enduring sexist comment," he said. "It remains legitimate for the media — and social media even more — to comment on women's dress and appearance."

"And the coverage veers so precipitously from adulation to scorn. Beatrice and Eugenie are examples of that."

Prince Andrew's daughters became media figures of fun for wearing elaborate fascinators to Kate and William's

wedding in 2011.

Even her name, announced Monday by her parents, was the subject of much speculation.

The royal birth was greeted with an explosion of pink, as Tower Bridge and other London landmarks were bathed in magenta light.

Not everyone was delighted. "Are we really still in the 1950s with gender norms?" tweeted Laura Sheldon, 16.

Still, society has changed

enormously in the past few decades — and so has the royal family.

For centuries, the law gave preference to male heirs, so a first-born princess would be leapfrogged in the succession by a younger brother. As a result, there have been some 35 kings of England since the Norman Conquest in 1066, but only seven queens.

In 2011, the leaders of Britain and the 15 former colonies that

have the Queen as their head of state agreed to establish new rules giving female children equal status with males in the order of succession.

It took several years to amend the statutes, some of them centuries old. The Succession to the Crown Act came into effect in March, just in time for the new princess.

She becomes fourth in line to the throne, pushing Prince Harry down to fifth. The change means she'll keep her position even if she has a younger brother, though if George has children one day, they'll move ahead of her. It's a small step, perhaps, but it symbolizes a more modern, equal-opportunity monarchy.

While royal duty, celebrity, and questions of security will affect the princess' career choices, there's nothing to stop her from joining the military, as her father and uncle did, or becoming a search-and-rescue helicopter pilot like her dad.

"I think the royal family has changed a lot over the last few decades, and William and Kate are very 21st century," Joseph said. William is a more engaged, hands-on parent than his father, Prince Charles, or ancestors.

Queen Elizabeth II and her sister Princess Margaret were educated at home, but the baby princess can expect to mingle with non-royals at an ordinary — though expensive — school, attend university and have a career.

"I'm sure (the princess) will inherit Kate's evident love of photography and art. And she has an older brother — I'm sure she's going to love 'boys' toys,' too." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross



A giant chunk of the Canadian music industry (and chunks of the industry from the U.S., the U.K., Europe and Australasia) is now arriving in Toronto for Canadian Music Week, the largest conference of its kind in the country and one of the biggest in the world.

There are two sides to CMW: the outward fan-facing experience featuring more than 1,000 bands playing at dozens of venues, plus the film and comedy festivals. Then there's the industrial-grade experience which is directed at insiders from radio, TV, record labels, music retail, promoters, managers and the rest of the star-making machinery behind the popular song.



Death Cab for Cutie will perform at CMW on May 7. JASON KEMPIN/GETTY IMAGES

It's this second part — the stuff the public never gets to hear about — in which I'm most interested. So much business gets done at the bars and over dinner. Relationships begin with accidental meetings in hotel lobbies and outside of gigs. And

then there are all the discussion sessions that take place as part of the industry concert. These talks — scheduled as conferences within the conference — will help shape the future of music as we know it.

For example, on Thursday there's going to be a discussion

of radio's role in the connected car featuring input from broadcasters, auto dealers and technologists. How can old-fashioned analog radio compete for space and attention in the dashboards of new cars?

A few hours later, I'm moderating a panel called Radio of

the Future, which will include the president of iHeartRadio in the U.S., the head of music for the BBC and more technologists. How will AM/FM radio evolve in the next few years? And into what? These people are leading that charge.

There will be sessions on advancements in understanding social media as it relates to music, the future of digital music and the rise of streaming music services, changes in copyright law, the state of live touring, how artists can properly brand themselves in a crowded marketplace and so much more.

And then there are the awards: The Crystals (an industry-only even that honours the best radio commercials), the Canadian Radio Music Awards (another industry-only event), the 15th annual Indie Awards (open to the public, by the way) and the Canadian Music Industry Awards, the biggest schmooze-fest of the year. (I'm up for Music Journalist/Blogger of the Year. Wish me luck?)

It all starts tomorrow and won't stop until some time late Sunday. I already have a headache.

ALAN'S CMW PICKS

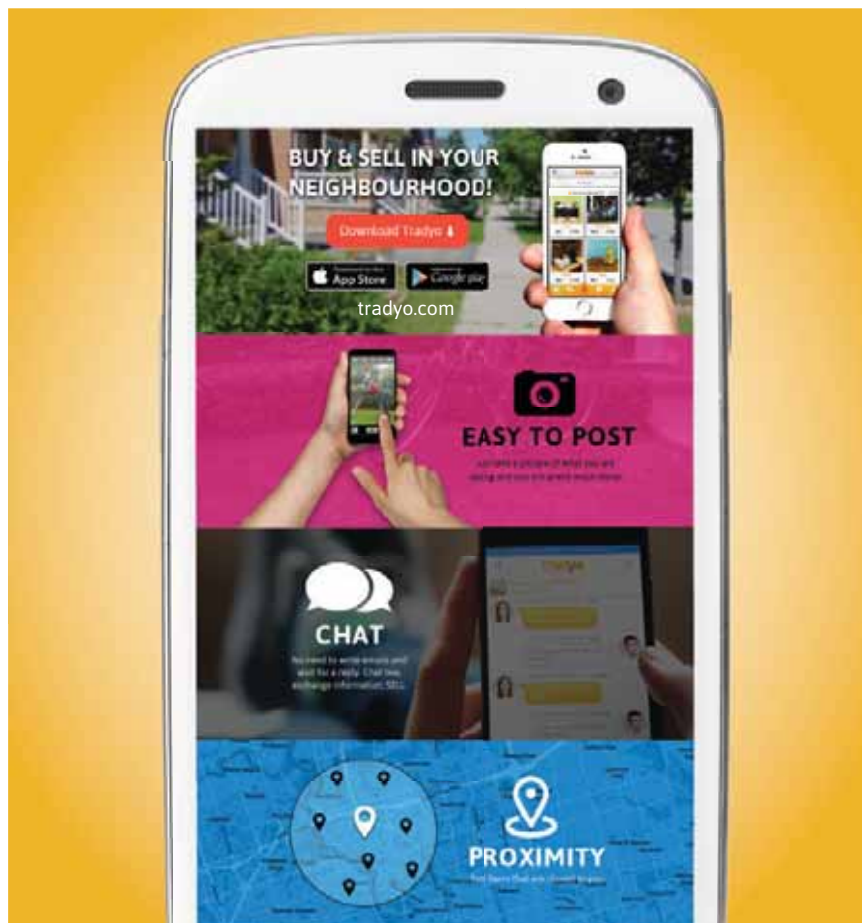
FIDLAR: I've been a fan of this L.A. bunch since their single Cheap Beer.



METZ: Another band with an ALL CAPS name. Former Polaris Music Prize darlings.



Zoobombs: If the Flaming Lips were from Japan, they'd be called Zoobombs. If that makes sense to you, you know what to expect.



Alvita Domestic Medium Hair

Eight-year-old Alvita was rescued as a stray. We suspect this little sweetie had a guardian at one time because of her interest in people. For a wee thing, Alvita certainly has an engine-sized purr and although she can look aloof at times, she is friendly and affectionate after making your acquaintance. She would love to find an adult home where she can be the centre of attention. Alvita has a lot to offer and we encourage anyone interested in meeting her to drop by the shelter soon for a visit.



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RESEARCH

Eat an apple, buy more healthy foods

Eating an apple upon entering the grocery store may prompt shoppers to buy 25 per cent more fruits and vegetables, according to a new study from the Cornell Food & Brand Lab.

"Having a small healthy snack before shopping can put us in a healthier mindset and steer us towards making better food choices," says Aner Tal, PhD of Cornell.

Tal and co-author Brian Wansink conducted three experiments to make their case, the first of which involved 120 shoppers. They were given at random an apple, a cookie or nothing at all as they arrived at the grocery store.

Tracking their purchases, the researchers concluded that those who had eaten an apple bought 28 per cent more fruits and vegetables than those who had consumed a cookie and 25 per cent more fruits and vegetables than those who were not given a snack.

In the second experiment, 56 participants who were given either a real cookie or a real apple to eat and then shown 20 images containing two products each.

They were asked to select which one they would purchase and each image featured one healthy item and one un-

healthy item, calorie count being the distinguishing factor.

Results were similar to the first experiment, with the cookie eaters opting for a disproportionate amount of unhealthy items.

At this point, the researchers wanted to see whether framing a food item as healthy or not could influence shopping choices.

Dividing 59 participants randomly into three groups, they tested the controversial practice of promoting foods as healthy when, in fact, the healthiness of that food is either offset by high sugar or absent entirely.

The first group was given a chocolate milk labeled "healthy, wholesome chocolate milk," the second was given the same beverage labeled "rich, indulgent chocolate milk" and the third received no chocolate milk.

All participants were asked to perform a virtual shopping task, choosing between healthy and unhealthy foods.

Ironically, those who were given the chocolate milk labeled healthy and wholesome made healthier selections during the virtual grocery shopping exercise.

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Eating an apple encourages shoppers to buy 25 per cent more fruits and vegetables at the grocery store. ISTOCK



If a one-night stand has brunch with you the next day, does this mean it's true love? ISTOCK

The agony of the eggs-tacy

DATING

Reader tries to decipher the meaning of brunch post one-night stand

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone



Dear Ellen

A year after a breakup with my common-law partner, I finally made the decision to start dating. I met this nice guy and we had a good time. Maybe I was a bit too eager, you know, after not dating for a year, but I ended up "sleeping over."

The next morning we went for brunch together. Having been out of the dating scene for a few years, I wasn't sure about the etiquette.

Who should pay in a situation like this? Do you go

Dutch or does it mean something else if one of you picks up the bill? Also, is brunch just a way he was able to get me out of his apartment (maybe this was a one-night stand), or was it a signal that he's interested and wanted to spend some more time getting to know me more?

Just trying to understand the nuances of modern dating.

— Christopher, Toronto

Dear Christopher, Let's address the easy part first: Who pays? Answer: You should offer to pay if you did the inviting; offer to go Dutch if he did.

As for everything else (i.e., "is it brunch or true love?"), many advice-givers will tell you: "Don't over-analyze" or "Take it slow and see what happens" or "Careful not to set yourself up for massive disappointment" — but rest assured, I am not one of them.

I like to give advice a person can actually follow, like: "Spend every waking minute obsessing about how the date went," and "Check

your phone repeatedly for any sign of communication," and "Pour your heart into an excruciatingly detailed romantic fantasy about the two of you."

The thing is, Christopher, if you like this guy, you're going to do all this crazy stuff, anyway, so why waste time pretending you're not? See? My brilliant advice has just saved you hours of pointless self-chastisement, which you can now spend in a dreamy delusional haze that hurts no one except, well ...

OK, yes, you probably are setting yourself up for massive disappointment. But suffering is a part of life! And this kind of luxurious emotional agony is a privilege at any age.

The only real downside is that it may temporarily skew your musical tastes (Someone Like You on endless loop, anyone?).

In the meantime, the pre-agony ecstasy is there for the taking, my man. Go for it.

IN BRIEF

Sleepwalking runs in families

Did you sleepwalk when you were a kid? Still do it occasionally? If so, chances are your children will do it, too.

A new study adds support to the growing belief that behaviours like sleepwalking and sleep terrors run in families.

Researchers at Montreal's Centre for Advanced Research in Sleep Medicine report that the offspring of parents with a history of sleepwalking are between three and seven times more likely to sleepwalk than other children.

The likelihood rises if both parents are or were sleepwalkers.

The work also draws a link between sleep terrors and sleepwalking, suggesting as many as one-third of children who had night terrors when they were very young will have sleepwalking incidences later.

The findings are published in the journal JAMA Pediatrics.

AFP

Genetically modified rice could prevent birth defects

Bolstering rice with a gene to produce more folate, or vitamin B9, could ward off birth defects, according to a new study.

An estimated 50 to 70 per cent of all neural tube defects occur due to maternal folate deficiency, according to the Belgian research team.

The researchers suggest their folate biofortified rice (FBR) would be consumed in regions that lack the vitamin, such as Balrampur, India and Shanxi, China.

The idea of fortifying food with folic acid isn't new. Yet around the world, women are not taking enough folic acid and one study says that two thirds of U.K. women bypass recommended pre-pregnancy doses.

According to the paper, 1,000 pregnancies affected by spina bifida occur in the U.K. per year.

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TOP SIX @ 6 Weeknights at 6 Hannah counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day

- 6 Jason Derulo **Want To Want Me**
- 5 AronChupa **I'm An Albatroz**
- 4 Maroon 5 **Sugar**
- 3 Rihanna **Better Have My Money**
- 2 OMI **Cheerleader**
- 1 Wiz Khalifa ft Charlie Puth **See You Again**

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Holtby, Caps spell shutout with an exclamation point

NHL PLAYOFFS

Washington takes 2-1 series lead over New York Rangers

Braden Holtby made 30 saves Monday night for his second career playoff shutout and Jay Beagle scored his first goal of this post-season, giving the Washington Capitals a 1-0 victory over the New York Rangers.

Washington has a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

GAME 3 In Washington

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CAPITALS

RANGERS

Alex Ovechkin was held without a goal for the first time in the series. It was one of the Capitals' less-heralded players, Beagle, who put the puck past Henrik Lundqvist on a second-effort, deflected shot 7-1/2 minutes into the second period.

Holtby was at his glove-catching best, including stopping Martin St. Louis on a 1-on-1 six minutes after Beagle scored, and the crowd chanted the goalie's last name at the final buzzer.

Game 4 of the best-of-seven



The Capitals' Marcus Johansson hits Rangers defenceman Marc Staal into his bench during Game 3 of their Eastern Conference playoffs series in Washington on Monday night. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

series is at Washington on Wednesday night.

This was the type of nail-biter the Rangers play: they have participated in 10 consecutive playoff games decided by one goal, an NHL record.

And in seven of its eight games in this year's playoffs, New York has allowed two goals or fewer.

But under first-year coach Barry Trotz, and with Holtby matching Lundqvist save for save, the Capitals are proving just as

adept at this sort of tight, low-scoring hockey.

Despite getting outshot 30-22, the Capitals did manage stretches of sustained pressure in the Rangers' zone, including leading up to the only goal. And the score

came from a surprising source: the line of Beagle, Troy Brouwer and Andre Burakovsky. They had zero goals through Washington's first nine games of this post-season.

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HOCKEY

Canada tops host at worlds

Jordan Eberle and Taylor Hall each had a goal and an assist Monday as Canada downed the Czech Republic 6-3 to stay perfect at the world hockey championship.

Sean Couturier, Tyler Seguin and Sidney Crosby also scored for Canada (3-0-0), which got 22 saves from Mike Smith and sits atop Group A with nine points. Tyler Toffoli added a goal into an empty net to go along with an assist.

Martin Erat, Martin Zatovic and Vladimir Sobotka replied for the host Czechs (1-1-1). Ondrej Pavelec made 32 stops in taking the loss.

Canada led 2-1 after the first, but the Czechs came on strong in the second and finally got an equalizer with 4:15 left in the period when Zatovic tipped a shot up and over Smith's glove.

But with the partisan crowd at the O2 Arena still buzzing, Canada retook the lead just 1:55 later when Toffoli intercepted a puck at the Czech blue-line and fired a shot on goal that Couturier deflected past Pavelec.

Seguin then stretched the advantage to 4-2 on the power play just 2:02 into the third, ripping a shot that beat Pavelec from the faceoff dot.

The goals for Couturier and Seguin were their first points of the tournament, meaning that every Canadian player now has at least one point.

Canada's next game is Wednesday against Sweden.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Bulls draw first blood against Cavs

Derrick Rose scored 25 points and Pau Gasol added 21, leading the Chicago Bulls to a 99-92 victory over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday night.

Looking like the MVP he was before being slowed by knee injuries, Rose helped the Bulls swipe home-court advantage from the Cavs, who were missing starters Kevin Love and J.R. Smith.

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Bulls guard Derrick Rose shoots over Cavaliers centre Timofey Mozgov on Monday. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Devils hire Shero as GM

Ray Shero is the new general manager of the New Jersey Devils.

Lou Lamoriello will remain as team president and oversee hockey operations, but Shero takes over as GM immediately.

Shero won a Stanley Cup during his time as GM of the Pittsburgh Penguins before being fired last year.

Before that, Shero was an assistant GM for the Ottawa Senators and Nashville Predators.

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MLB

Jays beat Yankees on 8th-inning rally

Pinch hitter Russell Martin drove in the go-ahead runs in the eighth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays slipped past the New York Yankees 3-1 on Monday.

Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (1-3) pitched eight innings for Toronto (13-14), giving up one run on three hits and three walks. Third baseman Josh Donaldson went 2-for-4, scoring a run for the Blue Jays. Brett Cecil earned the save.

Starter Chase Whitley (1-0)

HOT ROOKIE

Blue Jays second baseman Devon Travis was named the AL rookie of the month Monday.

He hit six home runs in April while batting .325 with a .393 on-base percentage.

struck out six over six shutout innings for New York (16-10).

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Jan Hejda of the Czech Republic challenges Canada's Sidney Crosby for the puck on Monday. PETR DAVID JOSEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA

Proposal made to suspend Israel

A move to consider suspending Israel from world football will be put to FIFA's 209 member federations just before they elect their president this month.

FIFA published an agenda Monday for its election congress on May 29, including a late proposal by Palestinian football officials to suspend Israel.

Palestinian officials insist Israel's football federation should be punished for restrictions im-

+ ELECTION

Sepp Blatter is strongly favoured to win and extend his 17-year presidential reign at the age of 79.

posed by security forces which limit movement of players, opposing teams and equipment.

Three quarters of the votes are needed to pass if a ballot is allowed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal's Sanchez two good for Hull

Alexis Sanchez scored twice as Arsenal virtually secured Champions League football for an 18th straight year by beating Hull 3-1 Monday in the Premier League.

The win means Arsenal is nine points ahead of fifth-place Liverpool, which has three games left to play. Third-place Arsenal also has a game in hand and a better goal difference.

Sanchez put Arsenal ahead with a deflected free kick in the 28th minute and Aaron Ramsey

doubled the lead when he ran onto Santi Cazorla's through-ball to score with another deflected shot in the 33rd. Ramsey then played Sanchez clear just before halftime and the Chile striker rounded goalkeeper Steve Harper to score into an open net.

Stephen Quinn pulled one back for Hull with a header in the 57th but Steve Bruce's team remained just one point above the relegation zone.

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Alexis Sanchez celebrates his first goal in Monday's in Hull, England. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

AHL back in Winnipeg with return of Manitoba Moose

After a four-season hiatus, the Manitoba Moose are returning to Winnipeg.

True North Sports and Entertainment announced the new name of the Winnipeg Jets' American Hockey League affiliate on Monday and said the Jets and Moose will share Winnipeg's MTS Centre next season.

The Jets announced in March that they would be moving their AHL team from St. John's, N.L., to Winnipeg for the next season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milwaukee seek good Counsell to end dismal run

Former Milwaukee infielder Craig Counsell was hired Monday to manage the Brewers, about 12 hours after the team fired Ron Roenicke.

A major league-worst 7-18, the Brewers lost 40 of their final 56 games under Roenicke. Counsell, a 44-year-old Milwaukee-area native, spent the final five seasons of his 16-year big-league career with the Brewers, retiring after the 2011 season. He has no previous managing or coaching experience. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Teenager Brooke Henderson has some impressive paydays under her belt and appears to be learning a lot from playing against some of the world's best players. THE CANADIAN PRESS/FRANK GUNN

Henderson keeping her head at dizzying heights

GOLF

Young Ontario star learning and improving all the time

Canadian golfer Brooke Henderson isn't just happy to be in the field at top-flight events on the LPGA Tour. She's showing that she's a threat to win.

Henderson finished tied for third at the Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic last month in Daly City, Calif., and followed that up by finishing tied for 13th at the North Texas Shootout in Irving, Texas, over the weekend.

The 17-year-old from Smiths Falls, Ont., has played in the final pairing on a Sunday and seen her name at the top of the leaderboard. She has also played in groups with Tour stars like Inbee

Park, Juli Inkster and Cristie Kerr.

While the results have been impressive, the experience of playing with the sport's best has been invaluable.

"I'm learning lots just watching them and learning about how they handle pressure on those Sunday afternoons," Henderson said. "It's amazing to see and it's amazing to learn from."

Henderson said she's getting used to the grind of life on the tour. The day after her third-place finish, she was right back on course the next day for a qualifying round.

The two-day qualifying effort landed her a spot in the field at the Shootout, and she again showed she belonged by starting 69-65 for the 36-hole lead. Henderson finished with a 71-73 for a total of 6-under 278.

After the round, it was back on a plane to Canada for a news conference to promote the June 4-7



It has been definitely a little bit of adrenalin the last two weeks. I wouldn't change it for the world.

Brooke Henderson

Manulife LPGA Classic in Cambridge, Ont.

"I'm young, I'm full of energy," Henderson said. "It has been definitely a little bit of adrenalin the last two weeks. I wouldn't change it for the world."

Henderson was greeted by a throng of reporters at the Whistle Bear Golf Club on Monday morning.

"I like it, it means I'm doing something right," she said. "I'm really excited (about) my last two

weeks. I'm excited for what the future holds. It's great to receive this attention in a positive light and hopefully that continues."

Henderson will receive a sponsor's exemption to play at the \$1.5-million US tournament. Other Canadians in the field include Lorie Kane of Charlottetown and Jennifer Kirby of Paris, Ont.

They'll be joined in the 150-player field by Stacy Lewis, Michelle Wie, Lydia Ko and Brittany Lincicome. Former champions Inbee Park, Hee Young Park and Brittany Lang are also among the early confirmations.

Henderson finished tied for 33rd at the Pure Silk-Bahamas LPGA Classic last February in her first Tour event since turning pro. She picked up a cool \$132,721 payday for her third-place tie last month and added \$19,919 for her latest result.

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GOLF

McIlroy and Spieth to face off at Players

The match that didn't happen in San Francisco will be available in stroke play at The Players Championship this week. Match Play winner Rory McIlroy and Masters champion Jordan Spieth are in the same group for the opening two rounds.

McIlroy is a four-time major champion who stretched his lead at No. 1 in the world with his victory Sunday in the Match Play Championship. Spieth is

No. 2 in the world. He was eliminated before the weekend at the Match Play.

Jason Day is the third member of that group.

Tiger Woods is competing for the first time since he tied for 17th at the Masters. He was in the same group as U.S. Open champion Martin Kaymer and Adam Scott. Kaymer is the defending champion at The Players.

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World No. 2 Jordan Spieth, left, and World No. 1 Rory McIlroy are in the same group this week. STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

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Ingredients

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- 1 Tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp mirin or sweet rice wine vinegar
- 1 tsp honey
- ½ tsp minced ginger
- ½ tsp minced garlic
- ½ tsp hot sauce
- 1½ lb salmon or tilapia
- 1/3 cup panko bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp chopped or sliced almonds
- 1 tsp sesame seeds
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- Salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil.

2. In a small bowl, combine almond butter, soy sauce, mirin, honey, ginger, garlic and hot sauce until smooth. Place fish on baking sheets and spread sauce over top.

3. In a small bowl, combine panko, almonds, sesame seeds, oil and salt. Sprinkle over fish and bake for 12 minutes or just until cooked.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 4)

- Calories 288
- Protein 30.5 g
- Carbohydrates 10.5 g
- Fat 12.9 g

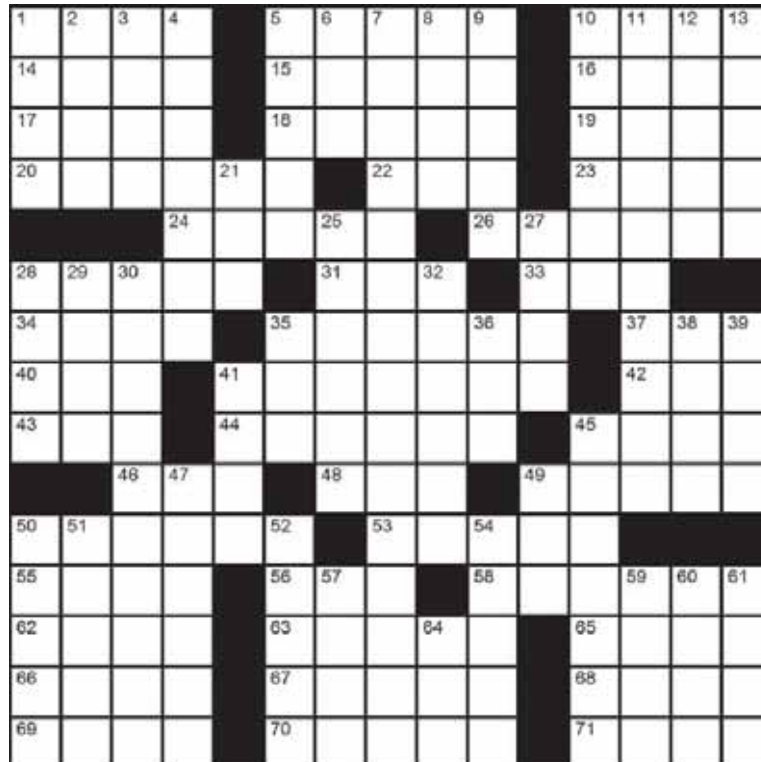
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5. Canadian superhero team from Marvel Comics, __ Flight
10. Medieval chest
14. Cain's sibling
15. Wilt
16. Not nice
17. Ruben's "American Idol" runner-up
18. Face value, as per stocks: 2 wds.
19. Sound of disgust, comics-style
20. Writer Mr. Melville
22. 'Press' suffix
23. Web addresses, commonly
24. Move as a hungry lion
26. " __ __, how are you and stuff?"
28. Nonsense
31. Use up
33. Maiden name indicator
34. Pub orders
35. Sarah's "Sex and the City" role
37. Sound setting [abbr.]
40. "Everything __" by Bush
41. Canadian actress Amanda known as the
42. Time
43. Forever, practically
44. Windbreaker



45. Movie's work force
46. Listener
48. Festive drink
49. Stone worker
50. Weekend trip bag
53. Commence
55. Creatures of folklore

56. Caesar's 2050
58. Radiated
62. Relax
63. Brasserie beverage
65. Postal __
66. Use adhesive
67. "St. __ Fire" (1985)
68. __ socks

69. Liturgical vestments
70. Ms. O'Donnell
71. Mail

DOWN

1. Speed of sound, __ 1
2. Adept
3. Birthdate info

7. Leonard Cohen's current Juno-winning album: 2 wds.
8. Rime
9. After: French
10. Hospital vial [var. sp.]
11. Labrador dogs
12. Shower sealant
13. Fennel-like flavour
21. Branch
25. Sword or missile
27. Blood type, __
28. Smog
29. Margarine
30. CKC = Canadian __
32. Battlefield medic's prioritizing
35. Fire
36. Pen's content
38. Nabisco cookie
39. Yard's spread of grass
41. Does some road work
45. Cute-style Canadians
47. Grocery store lanes
49. Stir
50. Russian river
51. On __ (Is winning)
52. Fireplace smoulderer
54. V-formational fliers of Canada
57. Venus de __ (Ancient statue)
59. Finished
60. Utopia
61. Home title proof
64. French queen's mate

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You may be able to do anything but that does not mean you have to do everything. Decide what it is you are really good at and commit yourself to it 100 per cent.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Some people think you are lazy but that's far from the truth. It's just that you see no point exerting yourself for things that are of no importance. It's better to be ambitious about one thing than lukewarm about many things.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Under no circumstances agree to do someone else's work for them today. Yes, of course, you would most likely make a better job of it but that's not the point.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You know what you want and you know where to get it, so why do you hesitate? Maybe it's because you fear you don't have the right to just take it. You know what they say: possession is nine-tenths of the law.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
With Jupiter in your sign you feel you can do as you please, and to an extent you are right, but there may still be long-term consequences.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't overdo it physically today. It may be true that no effort is too much for you while the Sun moves through your fellow Earth sign of Taurus, but you have limits like everyone else and if you go too far you could regret it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Friends will make all sorts of promises over the next 24 hours but if you expect them to deliver you may be disappointed.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If something no longer works for you the way it once did, then get rid of it. That may sound ruthless but this is no time for sentiment, still less for taking risks with your long-term security. Don't cling to the past.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't tie yourself down to set aims and objectives over the next 24 hours because it is highly likely that things will change fast and you will have no choice but to change with them.

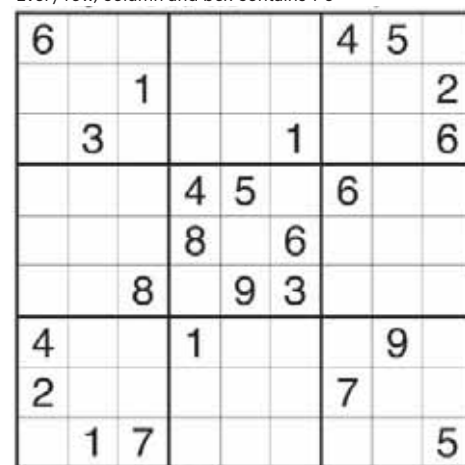
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Are you feeling lucky? Hopefully you are because your state of mind will very much dictate what you gain, or lose, today. If you believe that you deserve the best then you will get it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will clash with someone today who is as different to you as it is possible to get. Don't waste time trying to find some common ground between you - it does not exist.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your mind may be full of big ideas right now but you must keep your feet on the ground. Don't commit yourself to new projects unless you know you will have the time to do them justice.

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